MARY HITT WALKER.

JANUARY 26, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LAYTON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 8257.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8257) granting a pension to Mary Hitt Walker, having considered the facts presented, respectfully report:

The beneficiary is the widow of Moses B. Walker, who was appointed captain of Twelfth United States Infantry August 23, 1861; was brevetted major March 13, 1865, and appointed lieutenant-colonel by brevet March 13, 1865; retired February 19, 1866, and died of paralysis December 17, 1895.

He was appointed colonel Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry September 23, 1861; appointed brevet brigadier-general United States Volunteers March 27, 1865, and honorably discharged from volunteer service July 20, 1865.

He was severely wounded on left shoulder and over the spine, causing permanent injury of spine, at battle of Chickamauga, Ga., September 20, 1863, and was placed on the retired list with rank of captain February 19, 1866, on account of disabilities from this injury, chronic diarrhea, and rheumatism, and was retired with rank of colonel from July 28, 1866.

He was highly complimented by Gen. James A. Garfield for conspicuous gallantry on the field at the battles of Hoovers Gap and Chickamauga (where he received injuries that caused his death), and was recommended for promotion.

His widow was married to him May 1, 1855. She applied for and was pensioned from December 17, 1895 (date of his death), at $30 per month.

She is now 63 years of age, and in view of the very gallant and conspicuous service of her late husband, whose early retirement, long period of illness and suffering, and death were clearly shown to be due to service origin, and on account of the pressing needs of claimant, who was the helpmeet of this soldier in all his trials, the committee recommend the passage of the bill, with an amendment striking out "seventy-five," in line 8, and inserting "fifty" in lieu thereof.

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